

HOUSE BILL 3476

By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to charges for
healthcare services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an uninsured patient who pays the full charge in cash permitted under this section for health care services from a health care facility licensed pursuant to this chapter shall not be required to pay an amount in excess of the lowest fee charged or offered and received as payment in full by the facility for such services that the facility receives from any entity licensed under title 56. The board for licensing health care facilities is authorized to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this subsection in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

63-1-151. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, an uninsured patient, as such patient is defined in § 68-11-262, who pays the full charge in cash for health care services from a health care provider licensed under this title shall not be required to pay an amount in excess of the lowest fee charged or offered and received as payment in full by the provider for such services that the provider receives from any entity licensed under title 56. The commissioner of health is authorized to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.